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Mr. Ed Routhier, Plant Engineer
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Dear Mr. Routhier:

We wish to express our appreciation for your cooperation in reducing our sewage treatment operating problems.

Since starting our intensive industrial waste sampling and testing program a year ago we have found progressively better performance on the part of waste dischargers. We feel that this change in performance results from an increased awareness of the significance of departures from acceptable limits of waste quality.

It has been interesting to discover the predominant factors contributing to lack of satisfactory pH control. These can be described as follows.

Increased production or new processes overloading neutralizing facilities.

Lack of awareness of the reason or need for control within reasonable limits.

Inadequate or poorly maintained control and alarm systems.

Human failures in maintenance.

It is gratifying to report that each major contributor of industrial wastes has improved plant controls and maintenance, or is in the process of so doing, to better meet the City's waste quality standards. These are tangible results of management's willingness to cooperate in resolving a problem.

We look forward to the time when our surveillance program serves primarily to warn of impending equipment or control malfunction of an industrial waste discharger rather than to gauge performance.

Sincerely,

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